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BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL Record

CORNERSTONE LAID AT B. I.

The laying of the cornerstones of the Nathan Yamins Research Laboratory, and the addition to the Beth Israel Hos pital marks the culmination of many years of wise planning on the part of the Board of Trustees, the staff and the friends of the hospital. This ceremony is symbolic of the dedication of a community to the proposition that the welfare of the individual is of paramount importance, and it indicates the concern of those who have assumed the responsibility in the broad field of community health. By giving of their time and energy and most generous financial support, they have made possible these new structures, which will provide most necessary additions to the overcrowded fac ilities of this institution as well as provide at Beth Israel, for the first time, facilities for Obstetrical care.

Beth Israel has been proud to play its part in supplying the need for adequate hospital facilities in Boston. From its inception in 1915 as a small 30 bed hospital in Roxbury and later when it became a 215 bed unit at the present site, the hospital has served countless thousands of patients without regard for race, color or creed. Approximately 100,000 have been hospitalized and a quarter of a million people have received treatment in the Out-Patient Department since the hospital opened its doors on Brookline Ave. twenty years ago.

It is the sincere desire of all those connected with the institution that the New Beth Israel Hospital may provide an even greater measure of comfort for the sick, education for the student and research for the betterment of mankind.

Charles F. Wilinsky, M.D.

DOUBLE CEREMONIES OCT. 31ST

The Nathan Yamins Research Laboratory cornerstone is laid. From left to right: Israel Friedlander, President of the Board of Trustees Mrs. Nathan Yamins, Mr. Nathan Yamins, David Platt, contractor for the building.

Laying the cornerstone for the new obstetrical wing of the hospital. From left to right: Charles F. Wilinsky, Director of Beth Israel, Mrs. Joseph Levy, President of the Womens Auxiliary, S. Robert Stone, First Vice President of the Board of Trustees, Israel Friedlander, President of the Board of Trustees and John Volpe, hospital contractor.

PERSONALITIES

BILL JANEK

This is an employee all of us know either directly or indirectly. Bill Janek is our chef and rates among the best. His history at B.I. is one of loyalty and devotion since he first came here in 1929 as a counter man.

Bill is not only a good cook but also a great fisherman. Whenever he can't be found in the hospital, he's liable to be down at his cottage at Humarock Beach seeing what his line will catch.

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RUTH FLECK

Ruth Fleck, Chief X-ray Technician, passed away on September 25, 1948. Dr. Felix Fleischner, Director of Department of Roentgenology, spoke these words at her funeral expressing the sentiments of all her many friends:

'We have come here, Ruth, to bid you a last farewell. Here are your brothers and the family. There are many friends and co-workers and former patients, of whom you took care.

Ruth Fleck was born in Frankfurt, Germany, 38 years ago. That was the lighthearted, gay era before the wars and she grew up in the harmonious atmosphere of her parents' comfortable home.

The father's early death changed her intention to study medicine. So she chose what she felt to be nearest to medicine and became an x-ray technician. After a thorough training at the famous City Hospital of Frankfurt, she found her first job at the Jewish Hospital in the same city.

When the clouds rose over Germany, Ruth left her home and came to this country. This was in 1935. She had no difficulty, as an expert technician, to find a job, at first in Newark, N.J.. But attracted by her brother's presence at the Beth Israel Hospital, she moved to Boston to join the x-ray department of our hospital.

During the war there were long days of hard work - you were always the first on the job and the last to leave. And often when we others left, tired after nine or ten hours, you answered emergency calls at night, always with indefatigable readiness. That was a hard time, but it was a cheerful fight, Ruth, on your side and you carried the colors. In grief, now, we lower the colors for you -

The picture of Ruth that we wish to revive before our eyes would be lacking without the story of her last few months. It was inevitable that she soon recognized the nature of her disease. She kept on working. She read and understood the begging in our eyes; please, don't ask questions! She was aware of the truth and we knew that she knew. But it was not given to her to complain or to become anybody's burden. She played the game to the end. Despite physical suffering, with unparalleled heroism, she kept on working in her beloved x-ray department down almost to her last hour. It is the participation in this great world of joy and pain, that she had her part.

In this hour when our minds are paralyzed by the dull sense of irreparable loss it overcomes us, that it is too late. We have been too thrifty with our time, our kindness, too thrifty with sympathy, with our responsive appreciation for all her virtue and devotion and unselfish giving away.

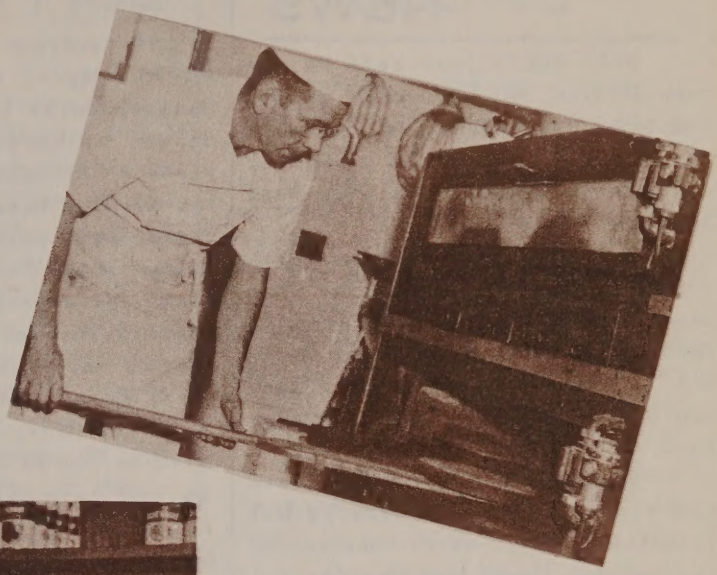
To hallow her memory, let us resolve in this hour of sorrow, to practice more kindness, more leniency, to extend more appreciation toward our fellows, brothers and sisters, while there is still time.

You are leaving a great emptiness in our workshop. The entire Beth Israel Hospital will miss you. But in the hearts of your friends, in the hearts of all of us you have erected a memorial to stay. We shall dwell in thought with you; we shall continue the community that we were privileged to have while you were still among us.

Farewell, Ruth'

A committee has undertaken to establish a Ruth Fleck Fund for Research in Roentgenology. Any one who wishes to donate to this fund is invited to make their contribution to their department head or directly to Mrs. Julian W. Rogers, 71 Williston Road, Brookline.

A MEAL IN THE MAKING



The salad unit receives from the storeroom the supplies that go into the preparation of the compotes, beverages, and salads that are served from the floor kitchens to our patients.

Every week our Bake Shop uses 300 pounds of flour and 200 pounds of sugar to produce cookies, pies and puddings. These are used in serving 1600 meals daily to our patients and employees.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

NEED HELP? Just call Volunteer Service, Miss Brickman! A full complement of volunteers are ready to serve wherever and whenever needed. New location is near Ward Entrance of the OPD.

Among the many members serving in the corps are college students who have been assigned to Beth Israel through Volunteer Service for field work training. They are one of the many groups organized to serve your needs.

VOLUNTEER BITS--Volunteers are represented by a Beth Israel Volunteer Council which consists of the various Committee Chairmen.--There is a Committee of Directors of Volunteer Service composed of representation from thirteen hospitals in Boston. This group designed the first hospital award pin which has been adopted by the American Hospital Association. Its most recent accomplishment is the compilation of a Volunteer Manual to be used by all Boston hospitals. Beth Israel was one of six hospitals represented on the committee to write this.--We wish to pay tribute and offer best wishes for a speedy recovery to our long time devoted volunteers who are taking a leave of absence because of illness.--Did you know that we have Teen Age boys serving in our volunteer program?--And if you continue to see the 'tours' going through the hospital, it is that the volunteers are receiving part of their 'Orientation' which is a must for all desiring to serve. In addition, they receive a thorough interpretation of our hospital and its policies, training and other pertinent factors vital to the development of well trained and informed volunteers. Remember, we are well staffed, so call if we can assist you.

NURSES NOTES

We welcome to our staff *Miss Bella Prager*, a graduate of the Massachusetts Memorial Hospital, School of Nursing. Miss Prager teaches the subsidiary workers in the Nursing Department and supervises their work. She also is in charge of the Personnel Health Program. Miss Prager has a splendid preparation for this position as she has had five years in the Army Nurse Corps and nearly two years with the Henry Street Settlement. ---*Miss Gloria Speck* has left us to do full time study in Nursing Education at Boston University.--Nurses on the staff who are studying part-time at Boston University this Fall are *Mrs. Brillard, Miss Lipson, Miss Schacter, Miss Bernstein, Miss Feiger, Miss Donovitz,* and *Miss Rosen.--Miss Helen Sawitsky* has been made medical supervisor and *Miss Beatrice LeMay* is the new Assistant Night Supervisor. *Miss Sarah Cohen* is relieving the night supervisors for their vacation.--*Mrs. Anita Bolan* has left the Nursing Arts classroom and *Miss Adele Schacter* is *Mrs. Sylvia Bailet's* assistant.--*Miss Charlotte Factor* has rejoined our staff -*Miss Sylvia Osharow* is now *Mrs. Jack Bailet.*--New babies to *Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kaufman (Mary Haines), Dr. and Mrs. Meyer Sharpe (Judith Brin).*---The Beth Israel Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association held a Bazaar Wednesday evening, November 17, 1948 for the benefit of their graduate scholarship fund.

Twenty-one new students were admitted to the School of Nursing, September 7, 1948. Eighteen of the students are from Massachusetts. The others are from Connecticut, New Hampshire, and New York.

The Nursing School Faculty Organization starts the school year with the following committees:

Curriculum — *Nursing*

Chairmen

Miss Kramer	Mrs. Bailet

Members

Miss Gilmore	Miss Schacter
Mrs. Bailet	Mrs. Brillard
Mrs. Barrnett	Miss Sawitsky
Mrs. Brillard	Miss Bernstein
Miss Sawitsky	Miss Finn
Miss Rosen	Miss S. Cohen
Miss Donovitz	Miss Raphael
Miss Irwin	Miss Prager
Miss Gordon	Miss Flash
Miss Schacter	Miss R. Freedman

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Members

Miss Adams	Mrs. Brillard
Miss Nataupsky	Mrs. Bailet
Miss Kramer	Miss Byer
Mrs. Bailet	Miss Smith
Mrs. Barrnett	Miss LeMay
Miss Schacter	

Staff Education — *Staff and Student Personnel Policies*

Chairmen

Miss Rosen	Miss Sawitsky

Members

Miss Nataupsky	Miss Adams
Miss Raphael	Miss Nataupsky
Miss Sherman	Miss Kramer
Miss Schacter	Miss Prager
Miss R. Freddman	Miss Sherman
Miss Byer	Miss Deegan
Miss Feiger	Miss Crocker

Dr. Arnold Seligman

We are happy and proud to announce the recent appointment of Dr. Arnold M. Seligman as Tutor and Assistant Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School. There are three tutors at the Medical School; one in Surgery, one in Medicine, and one in Basic Sciences. Dr. Seligman is a graduate of Harvard, Class of 1934, and Harvard Medical School, Class of 1939, Magna Cum Laude in Neuro-Pathology.

He has been associated with the Beth Israel Hospital for many years. He completed his internship in Surgery in 1941 and was Assistant Resident of Surgery in 1942. After completion of his Assistant Residentship, he joined the Surgical Research Staff. In 1945 he served as Resident of Surgery and more recently has been appointed Director of the Cancer Research Laboratory.

His fine and unassuming manner has made him a friend of all at Beth Israel. His great skill as a chemist and born scientist is outstanding and speaks for itself. All the staff at Beth Israel Hospital join in wishing him good luck and many fruitful years in his new undertaking.

DR. WILINSKY TAKES OFFICE

With the installation of Dr. Wilinsky as President of the American Public Health Association during its convention in Boston November 8-12, a milestone is reached in the growing realization of the unity of purpose of the hospital and the public health agency.

A background of affiliation with the Health Department of Boston since 1910, as Deputy Health Commissioner since 1925 in charge of Child Hygiene and the Health Units, a past President of the Massachusetts Public Health Association, and as a member of the Executive Board of the APHA places this well qualified leader in an influential position to improve the nation's health.

Preventing disease as an essential function is beginning to draw increasing support from the hospital group. The older notion of the hospital as catering mainly to the sick gives way to this newer concept of the hospital in the promotion and preservation of health.

The effect of the public health program in improving the environmental sanitation, controlling communicable disease and educating the people in the principles of healthful living has been to increase the life span of the individual to a point where he is now falling victim to those diseases which require individual treatment. This becomes mainly a problem of medical service, where the tremendously important part played by the general hospital points up its role in the newer concept of health responsibility.

The position of the hospital as a focal point of health service in the community may well be prophesied by Dr. Wilinsky's position of a hospital leader established at the head of a public health organization.

THE RECORD SHOWS

On Monday evening, October 18 a buffet supper for all graduates of the School of Dietetics was held Eighty-five former B.I.H. students and staff attended this reunion and a grand time was had by all.

Our Bookkeeping Office manager, Edward Berriman, is no longer an eligible bachelor. He joined the ranks of old married men on August 23 when he married *Miss Dora Driscoll*.

The B.I.H. 'Record' extends congratulations to *Mrs. Lillian Reiner* on her election to the office of Vice President of the Massachusetts Dietetic Association for the coming year.

Recent engagements: *Marilyn Bronstein,* (Oral Pathology) to *Henry Corkin, Muriel Nadel* (Path Lab Secretary) to *Aaron Sternfield.*

Marriage announcements: *Elizabeth Williams* and *Marjorie Bushway* both former dietetic interns, were married in September. *Esther Saxe,* clinic secretary, chose October 24 as her wedding day.

Friends of *Natalie Weinrebe,* former Purchasing Office secretary, will be pleased to know of the arrival of a daughter, *Leslie,* on October 21. *Joyce Milrod* presented her proud husband with an 8 lb. 6 oz. baby girl, *Wendy Sue,* on September 25.

Dr. Leopold Reiner, former Resident in Pathology, has recently completed his training and has been appointed as an Assistant to Dr. Schlesinger.

Our Purchasing Agent, *Vincent Godlesky,* may now be addressed as 'professor'. He recently lectured at Boston University on 'Purchasing Fundamentals'.

We welcome *Edith Celley* and *Rose Rudnick* as new members of the Admitting Office Staff.

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

The Beth Israel Gift Shop one of the Women's Auxiliary activities, makes its bow in the 'Record'. We really think that this is a birthday gift to us, for we are about to celebrate our seventh birthday on December 22. When we opened in the waiting room of the administration building, our first chairman, Mrs. Edith Fincke, was there to welcome all the hospital personnel, patients, visitors and their friends. We know that she made everybody feel that this was their shop. We know that the present chairmen, Mrs. Harry Mackin and Mrs. Abraham Pinanski, hope that they make you feel that way, too. The Gift Shop is at Beth Israel to serve everybody. We are proud to be a part of the Beth Israel Hospital and we want everybody who works for the interests of the patients in the hospital to know that we are

This is the gift giving season of the year. We are anxious to fill all your wants. If there is anything that we do not have, we will try to get it for you. It will save you many hours of precious time to do your shopping at the shop and when you buy from us, you will give to Beth Israel, for the shop is served by volunteers and all the profits go toward filling needs of the hospital. In addition, you will find that our prices are often lower than in regular stores and they are never more than in the outside shops.

What do we carry? Well, we have a very varied stock of things that patients may want, from hospital johnnies and nightgowns to toothpaste and combs. Perfumes, toiletwaters, powders and rubbing alcohols are all on sale. We have, in addition, presents for all occasions for all people. Scarfs of silk, compacts from Volupte, bill folds from Dunhill, handkerchiefs for present use or monogrammed in France to your order, personalized stationery, informals, napkins and matches, gifts of sterling silver, and even some china and glassware. We will be happy to order yarn and we always have Argyle Paks on hand. Nylon stockings in the popular shade as well as in white are in our stock. We have cuddly toys and dolls that will never break a child's heart by breaking their heads.

Books are here for the children and can be ordered for the grownups. If the book is in stock in Boston, we will deliver it to you in 24 hours. We are already thinking about gifts for the new baby and the proud mother, who will be in the Auxiliary's new maternity unit. And when we get in to the new shop in the new building, we hope that we can show you all the things that we carry. If you don't see what you want now, just ask Mrs. Mackin or Mrs. Pinanski and see if they cannot produce it for you. The men are not forgotten. We have gifts for them!

We know that you know that we carry candies of all kinds from the nickel bars to pralines from New Orleans. Watch for the arrival of the world's best milk chocolate, chock full of fresh roasted almonds and made especially for the Beth Israel Hospital Gift Shop.

Thank you all for the generous patronage you have given us! When our sales are mounting, we are thrilled, because it makes the Gift Shop's gift to Beth Israel greater. We know that makes you happy, too, for we all are working together in whatever job we do to make Beth Israel the hospital that gives the finest service in every way to the healing of human ills..

Regular hours-daily from 9:45 to 4:00. Sundays 11:00 to 4:00

IT REALLY HAPPENED!

All of us have probably heard fish tales before, but this is the latest one at B. I.. A group from the Surgical Research Laboratory including Dr. Arnold Seligman, Dr. Theodore Sack, Dr. Alexander Rutenburg, Dr. Edward Freedman, Dr. Leon Mannheimer, Dr. Samuel Beaser and the Assistant Engineer, Harry Ferullo, recently took a trip to Plum Island to go tuna fishing. They caught five large tuna on their first trip, but that's not all, they went a second time and this time they broke all records. The total catch on this trip was 27 tuna! In order to verify their fish story, they brought some tuna back which we admit tasted extra good. We understand the weather was pretty bad and the hospital almost lost some of its best doctors.

Anyone interested in going tuna fishing next Fall, please contact the department as reservations must be made well in advance due to the great demand.

BLUE CROSS INSURANCE

All full time employees of the hospital have the opportunity to join our Blue Cross group. This insurance protects both the employee and his family against unforeseen hospital expense.

The quarterly premiums are low and the protection in case of illness is great.

For further details inquire at the Personnel office.